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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006, which contained a restriction requirement ("Restriction Requirement").

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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